



WHY NOT TAKE THE NEXT STEP!

Across the state of New Jersey and the Nation, hundreds of diverse communities have taken action to preserve their unique historic community character. Based on a 1999 Historic Preservation Office survey of the 566 municipalities in New Jersey, 165 communities had historic preservation commissions established by local ordinance. The HPO encourages these communities and others to apply for Certified Local government (CLG) program certification. The New Jersey CLG program provides valuable technical assistance and small grants to local governments seeking to preserve the physical links to our past, providing meaning to the present and continuity with the future.

To be eligible for CLG certification the community must enact an historic preservation ordinance to identify and protect historic resources within the municipality. The ordinance must provide for designation of historic sites or districts within a community and for a review of all exterior alterations to help ensure that the historic integrity of the area is preserved. Reviews are performed by a Historic Preservation Commission appointed by the governing body and comprised of community volunteers who possess a demonstrated interest, competence or knowledge in historic preservation. The authority to establish the ordinance and commission is set forth in the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law.

The next step in the process involves the completion of an application by the community to become a CLG. The Historic Preservation Office will send any prospective community an application package, and additional information tailored to meet their needs. The completed application is reviewed by the Historic Preservation Office for compliance with the CLG Guidelines. The HPO will prepare a Certification Agreement, for all applications that meet the CLG Guidelines, outlining the responsibilities of the municipality and the state. If the HPO is unable to certify the ordinance, the local government will receive a detailed explanation outlining the areas of concern and recommending actions to assist the community in becoming a CLG.

As soon as the Certification Agreement is executed and returned by the local government, it will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for final signature. Once signed by the SHPO, the Certification Agreement is forwarded to the National Park Service (NPS) for concurrence.

The NPS has 30 days to act on all applications. Upon receipt of a notice of acceptance from the NPS, the Historic Preservation Office notifies the applicant that they have been accepted into the program.

As a CLG, the community is eligible to apply for 40% and special no-match grants. There are 34 communities currently eligible to apply for up to \$80,000 available annually in Historic Preservation Funds. The level of funding is contingent upon the annual appropriation from the National Park Service and grants are awarded for historic preservation Master Plan elements, historic resource surveys, National Register nominations, historic preservation planning, historic preservation education projects, historic structures reports, preservation plans, and CLG training. Grant applications are available from the HPO annually in late November. The dead-line for submission is in early March.

SOME OF THE RECENT CLG PROGRAM GRANT PROJECTS INCLUDED:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR MASTER PLAN ELEMENTS

Evesham, Haddonfield, Newton, Paterson, West Milford.

HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORTS

Camden Carnegie Library, Pomona Hall, Zane School, Grover House, Paterson Library.

DESIGN GUIDELINES

Collingswood, Evesham, Haddonfield, Haddon Heights, Newton, Ocean City, Plainfield, West Milford, Paterson.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION EDUCATIONAL BROCHURES, SLIDE SHOWS, VIDEOS AND GUIDES

Evesham, Ewing, Haddonfield, Lawrenceville, Montclair, Montville, Newton, Paterson, Pompton Lakes.





HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEYS:

Berlin, Burlington, Evesham, Haddonfield,
Hopewell, Mount Holly, Paterson, Tewksbury

**CLG TRAINING, WORKSHOPS AND
CONFERENCES**

Ewing, Evesham, Haddonfield, Middletown,
Newton, Paterson.

**NEW JERSEY & NATIONAL REGISTER
NOMINATIONS AND LOCAL
DESIGNATIONS:**

Camden, Haddonfield, Berlin, Middletown,
Newton, Paterson, Princeton.

The HPO wishes to take this opportunity to
thank those communities participating in the CLG
program and acknowledge their efforts to preserve
historic resources: Berlin Borough, Burlington City,
Camden City, Cape May, Collingswood Borough,
Evesham Township, Ewing Township, Fanwood

Borough, Freehold Township, Glen Ridge
Borough, Gloucester City, Haddonfield Borough,
Haddon Heights Borough, Harrison Township,
Hopewell Borough, Lawrence Township, Mahwah
Township, Middletown Township, Montclair
Township, Montville Township, Mount Holly
Township, Newton Town, North Plainfield
Borough, Ocean City, Paterson City, Plainfield
City, Pompton Lakes Borough, Princeton Borough,
Princeton Township, Teaneck Township,
Tewksbury Township, Washington Township,
West Milford Township and West Orange
Township.

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